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**Applicant:** Kazuo Nishiyama  
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**AMENDMENT C- ACCOMPANYING AN RCE**

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In response to the Office Action of November 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.